

Increase in electricity tariffs

2049. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has recommended increase in electricity tariff for domestic consumers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, tariff for the sale of electricity to the various categories of consumers is to be determined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) through a transparent process. The Act and tariff policy notified under the Act envisage progressive reduction in cross subsidies.

Road linkages to Tehri dam rehabilitation colony

2050. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide proper road linkages with SIDCUL industrial area in Haridwar to Tehri dam displaced colony at Mauja Pathri, Suman Nagar, Bahadradab, Haridwar;

(b) whether Government are aware that the rehabilitation work has not been executed properly by the State agencies and road linkages to the area are in bad shape;

(c) the steps proposed to ensure better and additional road linkage to the area from SIDCUL, Roorkee and Bahadradab;

(d) whether steps are being taken to monitor the work of the State agencies and to ensure accountability;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) The rehabilitation work of the Tehri Project is being carried out by the Government of Uttaranchal in accordance with the recommendations of the expert Committee constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of